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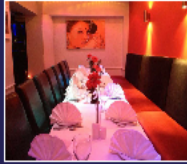
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Notable Renhold dates & events:

Thursdays	Bedford Folk Dance Club 8pm	p10
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Sat.14th Oct.	Pop up Café Chapter House 10am to 12pm	
Mon.16th Oct.	Creative Club. 7.30pm Chapter Hpuse	
Thurs.19th Oct.	Parish Council meeting 7pm Renhold Village Hall	p24
Sat.21st Oct.	Churchyard Volunteers and bulb planting 9.30am	

Church cleaning rota: Postponed till further notice.

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Frontispiece: The MagazineStapling Team at work. Photo by Anne Grant

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EDITORIAL By Rod Jones

Well, the summer is now gone, and we're well into autumn. At least the roadworks have disappeared, and the long 8-mile detours to the Post Office are just a dismal memory. The school is back, and hopefully their roof is still in one piece, unlike other buildings across the country. I was sad to hear about the loss of Phoenix Upholstery in Ravensden Road; we knew some of the staff there and bought our dining room table and chairs from them. It was an interesting place to shop.

Pauline went to Canada in August to see her sister. I stayed here. On her return, at Bedford Station, she was really tired and struggling with her bags when one of the station staff on duty there welcomed her, took her heavy luggage, and carried it out to my car. Very courteous, he refused a tip, and said it was a pleasure to be of service. The age of chivalry is not dead. It's highly unlikely that he will read this, but just in case, his name is Jason and we have written to the station to compliment him on his good manners. My summer treat was different. I went to a Rock Concert in Sandringham to see The Who. Oldest rocker in town! Over 20,000 fans there. (but only 200 toilets and none of them flushed. The advice was "don't look down"!). Great evening.

As usual, there are several really interesting articles in this issue. The church floor is amazing, and the building is fully operational again. Hymns and Pimms was great fun. Harvest Festival is coming up, and there will be a special service in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. After that, Remembrance Day and other events leading up to Christmas. Various other functions will also be held, providing welcome funds to support the upkeep of the building, and maintaining the church's status as one of the focal points of our village. The pop-up breakfast club is popular, and I am delighted to hear that Ian is planning to reinstate a Good Neighbours scheme. Pauline and I ran this for over 10 years, and it is an invaluable asset to our community. If any of our readers are interested, you will make a lot of very grateful new friends, and you will be doing a great job for our village.

Another first this year has been an inter-village cricket match, Wilden v Renhold, (aka The Polhill Arms!), with an impressive trophy for the winners. See the article on page 8 to find out who has this year's Polden Cup. I am told that one of the highlights was an umpire trying to take a catch, with a pint of beer in his hand. Success! No, he dropped the catch, but didn't lose a single drop of the amber nectar. Great fun, and now other villages have phoned in to join the contest next year, and make it an annual event. Renhold is rapidly earning a reputation as a trendsetter. Pauline also has recently joined a newly-formed handbell team, organised by Caroline Coster, whom we featured a few months ago in our Profile Section. It's on Thursday evenings at The Chapter House, 7.00-8.00pm. A pity it clashes with the WI, but with so much going on here, sometimes this is inevitable. It was the inaugural meeting and only four others were there, but to see my wife buzzing with excitement when she got home tells me it must have been brilliant. Highly recommended. New members are welcome, (and needed). That's enough. We try to limit the editorial to about 600 words, which has been tricky today, with so much going on. I hope you enjoy your read, and please, if you would like to contribute an article of your own, do send it in, and we will try to print it. The more people involved, the happier we are.



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All Saints Church Services for October 2023

All services taken by Revd Ian Smith except where stated

Sunday 1 October	11.00am 12:30pm	Parish Communion Harvest Lunch
Wednesday 4 October	11.30am	Prayers for community

Sunday 8 October	11.00am 4.00pm	All Age Worship Evensong (BCP) with hymns <i>Richard Deadman</i>
Wednesday 11 October	7.30pm	Night Prayer

Sunday 15 October	11.00am	Sung Morning Prayer (BCP) <i>Richard Deadman</i>
Wednesday 18 October	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Revd David Powell</i>

Sunday 22 October	11.00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 25 October	7.30pm	Compline

Sunday 29 October	11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion Remembered with Love

NB. Sunday 5th November ALL SAINTS – PATRONAL FESTIVAL 11am and 4pm

DAILY OFFICES – Revd Ian says the Daily Office in church at the following times.
You are warmly invited to join him at this short service.

EACH MONDAY – 9.30am Morning Prayer
EACH THURSDAY - 4.00pm Evening Prayer

FROM THE REGISTER

Funeral	1st Sept.	Dominic Smith
Baptism	10th Sept.	Malaya Hill
Confirmation	17th Sept.	Michael Biggs, Pearl Locke

A great act of kindness.

I had reason to go to the Dr and was told to go to North Wing for an urgent blood test. After several circuits of the car park, I finally found a slot and went to get a ticket. No card payment was acceptable and - no change in my purse. I was pondering the next step when a total stranger came up and said "Have you not got the right change? Here have this" and pressed £3 into my hand. She said it's stressful enough. I tried to give her a £5 note but she wouldn't take it. It was so kind and I don't even know her name to thank her and return the favour. The queue waiting for blood tests extended into the car park and the staff were amazing, processing a huge number of people as quickly as possible, and remaining good humoured with it. We are so lucky with our NHS and with the kindness of strangers. Anne Grant

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Summer holidays, and there they were.. Gone!! I cannot believe how fast time flies these days, I don't know if it is me getting older or time really does go quicker in the world of 2023 than it did in the 1960s when I was a child, but where did that 6 weeks school holiday go? I sit writing here in the study at the Vicarage this month listening to the sounds of excited and well refreshed children playing in the school playground as the new school year begins; I know I have said it before, but I am so blessed just to hear their joy and energy.

The summer has flown by at All Saints too where we have been able to hold services outside of church, both at Howbury Hall and the amazing Peace Garden at the school. I may be getting a bit "Franciscan" in my old age, but I am really enjoying outdoor acts of worship surrounded by God's creation. Being that close to nature in the North Bedford countryside is a blessing. Our Friends' service of "Hymn & Pimm's" was weather affected; but transferring it into church was nearly as good, as the congregation (with vocal cords lubricated with alcoholic and non-alcoholic Pimm's) accompanied by a small brass group, sung 11 of their favourite hymns. Since then, we have marked "Red Ensign Day" giving thanks for our Merchant Navy, with a short service overlooking the flagpole before our morning act of worship which again was very special.

We are privileged to be part of an agricultural community and on Sunday 1st October we are holding our Harvest festival communion service which will be followed at 12:30 by our harvest lunch. A full ploughman's, with dessert and glass of wine can be enjoyed for a cost of £8 per head, with proceeds going to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal. This is open to anyone, please contact Rev. Ian if you would like to join us as places are limited. Sunday 29th is our "Remembered with Love" service. This is where we find time and space to remember those whom we love and we see no longer, using readings, poetry and music to reflect on our treasured memories, and the lighting of a candle as a sign of our love shining through. The service concludes with the planting of some bulbs in the churchyard which will come up in the springtime. This service is not only for people who "come to church" but open to all and all will be very welcome. A week later 5th November we celebrate our Patronal Festival (All Saints) with two services including a Choral Evensong at 4:00pm where a visiting choir will sing the setting, as we experience the power of music and liturgy in worship. It is not a concert, but the atmosphere and ambience created will provide a different worshipping experience.

The PCC and I are keen that the church should be more than just "the beautiful building in the village" and are looking to progress our plans for greater "pastoral care" within the Parish. If you or anyone you know may be struggling and would like a call from myself or anyone from our church community, please do call me (772794) and we will do all we can to help – You do not have to be "Church of England" to qualify! – by living in the Parish, the church is yours, and we want to be here for you.

As always there is a full calendar of Sunday services in church in October which we will wherever possible, use the All Saints Renhold Facebook page to Live-stream, with service sheets etc. being available on our website www.all-saints-church-renhold.org.

God Bless... Rev. Ian

Michael Lennox - 1943-2023

Michael kept fit and very active until a sudden diagnosis last year of terminal cancer. Contrary to the medical prognosis, he lived a further 14 months, and his wife Ingrid would like to thank all those who offered kind concern, prayers and support during the extra period of time given to Michael, and who attended the Thanksgiving Service just after the recent reopening of All Saints Church, Renhold. Michael and Ingrid have lived in the village since 1978.

Polden Cup Summary. Andy Weber

Wilden CC 104-10

Renhold Newcomers 98-6

In front of a crowd of almost 70 spectators on 27th August, the players of Wilden CC played in the inaugural 20 over cup game against The Polhill Arms (affectionately renamed as the Renhold Newcomers for the event). Some unusual rules had been implemented to keep the playing field level, including limited number of overs per bowler, automatic retirement at 25 runs for the batter, automatic out if hitting too many boundaries in an over, opposition requesting a key batter uses a thin practice bat and no limit to numbers of players per team.

After prematch introductions and official photos of the teams and the tractor upon which the Renhold Newcomers arrived, Wilden CC batted first and progressed slowly in the face of some unexpectedly good bowling and a field packed with 15 players. Losing wickets at regular intervals, only Freddie Dutton reached the required 25 runs to retire, and Jeremy Crofts came close when given out on 24 for having hit 3 boundaries in a single over. Some very impressive fielding was on display including a stunning slip catch caught behind the players head whilst leaping high into the air to reach it. Pick of the bowlers was Ravi Chana who claimed 3 Wilden wickets in his 4 overs.

In reply to the 104 set by Wilden, The Renhold Newcomers openers got underway steadily but slowly in the face of some young bowling talent from Wilden and were well behind the rate by the 10 over libation break. Star batting performance from Ross "of Harrold" who got to his allotted 25 runs quickly helped push the score along until with only a few balls to go, the target seemed out of sight. Wilden CC very sportingly offered 2 additional overs to see if the Renhold Newcomers could cross the line, but despite some gallant batting, they fell 6 runs short at the close of the innings. Key bowler from Wilden was Henry Faulkner claiming 2 wickets.

Match awards went to:

Batting: Ross "of Harrold" – Polhill Arms; Freddie Dutton – Wilden CC

Bowling: Ravi Chana - Polhill Arms; Henry Faulkner – Wilden CC

Best on Field (The person who most embodied the spirit of the game):

"Barkeep Zack" – Polhill Arms; Tommy Marsh – Wilden CC

The Polden Cup "Rematch" is scheduled for 2pm, Sunday 25th August 2024.

It is encouraging to see that the publicity we have managed to give Wilden CC in our magazine has increased the take up of the game. Well done Renhold Newcomers. Long may it continue. AG.



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Books you might like to try.

Pauline Capell

What better companion is there than a good book and I'd like to share a few that I have recently very much enjoyed.

'The Wisdom of Sally Red Shoes' by Ruth Hogan, Bedford's own local author.

You may already be familiar with this book, but it gives me the chance to tell you about a walk I and about 30 other people had with Ruth in Foster Hill Road Cemetery, on a boiling hot day last month. Ruth often walks through the cemetery with her dogs, and her imagination was sparked by statues that caught her eye and names on the gravestones that piqued her interest, like Lily Phyllis Phoebe. The main character in Ruth's book, still grieving after a tragic event 12 years ago, also often goes to the cemetery to find solace, and has a chance encounter with two wise, extraordinary women who help to turn her life around, one being Sally, a bag lady, and 70 something-year-old Kitty Muriel. On our walk, Ruth paused at certain graves and read extracts from her book (shielding herself from the sun with a gloriously sequined parasol) whilst cemetery guide, Adrian Bean, then told the real stories of those people.

'George: A Magpie Memoir' by Frieda Hughes

Frieda Hughes is the daughter of the poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, and tells the story of her adoption of a magpie chick whose nest was destroyed during a storm. George is a highly intelligent if somewhat unruly companion, shrieking, demanding food and depositing projectile bird poo all over the kitchen and down Frieda's back. She is captivated by this bird but then comes the day when she must set him free. Meanwhile, Frieda's marriage is unravelling. The writing is superb throughout and here is an extract to entice you :

'The magpies screeched and made strange chugging noises, king and queen of the garden They skipped and flounced and appeared hideously happy as they performed their quick little dance steps, wearing their black and white shiny suits with that tinge of oil-slick blue-green like a stain on their inky feathers. '

'Strange Sally Diamond' by Liz Nugent

If psychological thrillers are your genre, or even if they are not, give this a try as it is one of those 'unputdownable' books that keep you up late at night still turning the pages. To others Sally is strange and weird. The first 7 years of her life are a blank page. Set in the close, claustrophobic world of rural Ireland, this tells the tale of an emotionally withdrawn woman whose dark, hidden past is coming back to haunt her. There are 6 pages of tributes at the beginning of the book and here are some of the words used - compelling, disturbing, clever, insightful, dark, mesmerising, heart breaking and intriguing. The author Sarah Winman says 'And yet amidst the darkness, she allows a light to glimmer – that of a diamond. Sally Diamond to be precise.'

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Ada Lovelace Day : 10th October 2023

Have you heard of Ada Lovelace? She is hailed as the first ever computer programmer, way back in the 1800s . You will however most probably have heard of her father, who is none other than Lord Byron, famous for his romantic poetry, and infamous for his affairs and dark moods.

Ada was born in 1815, the only legitimate child of Lord Byron and his wife Anabella, and when she was 2 weeks old, her mother left home with baby Ada, and went to live with her parents. So afraid was Isabella that Ada would turn out like her father and go down similar paths of debauchery and madness, she employed private tutors for her daughter to study subjects such as astronomy, science and maths, rather than the arts. Anabella herself was a mathematician and Lord Byron had called her his Princess of Parallelograms. At the age of 12 Ada already had a brilliant mind, and came up with an idea for a flying machine, in the shape of a horse, with a steam powered engine inside, which moved an immense pair of wings, and could rise into the air with a person on its back. Despite her mother's best efforts, Ada had combined her mother's scientific background with her father's artistic creativity.

At age 17 Ada met Charles Babbage who was working on the Difference Engine, a huge mechanical adding machine that could automatically perform calculations. He went on to design the Analytical Engine, but it was never built, due to lack of funding. Ada and Charles continued to stay in contact and pool their ideas. Her talent was recognised as 'her power of thinking was utterly out of the common way man or woman ', and Charles called Ada his 'enchantress of numbers 'This being the 1800s, there was an



expectation that Ada would marry, and she had 3 children in quick succession. Despite her domestic responsibilities and child-rearing duties, she did not abandon her academic studies, continuing to succeed in the field of advanced mathematics. She was plagued by illness, which was attributed in some circles to the fact it was not natural for her to be struggling with academic pursuits, because 'the very great tensions of mind required by such studies were beyond the strength of a woman's physical power of application.' !! However, she was described by no less than Michael Faraday as 'the rising star of science.'

Even though Charles Babbage could not build his Analytical Engine, he lectured on his invention in Turin, and an academic paper was published about it in French. Ada was asked to translate it into English, and Babbage invited her to add her own notes, which she did at great length – being three times longer than the original document. Her final appendix- note G – is why she is hailed as the world's first computer programmer, as it was a step by step description of how the machine could be programmed to perform a series of calculations, and how it had the potential to 'act upon other things besides number.' It was in fact a computing machine, a computer, and Ada foresaw it as being capable of 'composing elaborate and scientific pieces of music of any degree of complexity or extent.' Due to her increasingly declining health, and financial difficulties attributed to her obsession with gambling, which led to huge debts, even though she tried but failed to create a maths model that would be a foolproof method for placing large bets successfully, her opportunities were limited, and she died aged 36 in 1852. She was chosen in 2009 to give her name to an annual day celebrating the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths - STEM .Pauline Capell

Laughs and wonderful quotations . Sent in by Doug Marr

These insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words. Insults then, had some class!

1. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; Bring a friend, if you have one." George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.
"Cannot possibly attend first night, I will attend the second...If there is one."
- Winston Churchill, in response.
2. A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows, or of some unspeakable disease."
: "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."
3. "He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr
4. "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."
- Clarence Darrow
5. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."
- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).
6. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."
- Moses Hadas
7. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."
Mark Twain
8. "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."- Oscar Wilde
9. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."
- Stephen Bishop
10. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - John Bright
11. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." - Irvin S. Cobb
12. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others."
- Samuel Johnson
13. "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." - Paul Keating
14. "In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily."
- Charles, Count Talleyrand
15. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker
16. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"
- Mark Twain
17. "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West
18. "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."
- Oscar Wilde
19. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... For support rather than illumination."
- Andrew Lang (1844-1912)
20. "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder
21. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx.
22. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."
- Winston Churchill

Renhold Village Clubs 2023

Group	Contact	Tel.	Day	Time	Place
Bridge	Rod Jones	771858	Every Mon. Every Fri.	9.45-1pm	St. Marks Church Brickhill
Brownies	Kim Dellar	267150	Every Thurs.	6.15-7.45pm	RV Hall
Carpet Bowls	Chick	838651	Every Mon. Every Wed.	2-4.30pm 7-9.30pm	RV Hall
Chapel Coffee morning	Albert Brown-ing	722689	2nd Tues.	10-12noon	Chapel
Creative Club	Teresa Trangmar	07788402 441	3rd Mon.	7.30-9.00pm	Chapter House
Luncheon Club	Yvonne Potter	771495	2nd Wed.	12.30 for 1pm	
Pudding Club for carers	Anne Grant	771811	1st Tues.	2-3.30pm	4, Brookside
Reading Group	Pauline Capell	771858	1st Fri.	4pm	1, Church Close
Renhold pre-school group	Vicky Thompson	771724		Term time	
Stitchers	Jackie Croot	870271	3rd Thurs.	10.30-12.30pm	Chapter House
Table tennis	Rod Jones	771858	Every Mon. Every Wed. Every Fri.	1.30pm 10.30am 10.30am	Church Lane Community Centre
WI.	Jan Tozer	297456	1st Thurs.	7.30pm	RV Hall
Yarn Craft Group	Marion Sutton	217647	Alternate Fridays	10am-12.30pm	Wilden Village Hall

RV Hall = Renhold Village Hall; the Chapter House is at the back of All Saints Church.

Mobile Library Times October and November 2023

<u>Location of Mobile Library</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>
Renhold - Green End	10:00 - 10:15	03,17, 31	14, 28
Renhold - Home Close	10:40 - 10:55	03,17, 31	14, 28
Renhold - Ravensden Road	11:00 - 11:15	03,17, 31	14, 28

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Ancient Map of Renhold

Some months ago, I was entrusted (by Sarah Flynn) with an old tracing of a map of Renhold (spelt Renholt) dated 1781. A note on the map indicated that it had been published by the Bedfordshire Historical Record Society in 1929. This document is both rare and possibly valuable but I wanted to make it accessible to all in our Village.

I made enquiries of a number of the larger duplication/printing businesses in and around Bedford but most didn't respond or those that did, didn't give me the level of confidence that I was looking for that their machines wouldn't destroy the tracing.

As is the way of things, this project got placed on the 'too-difficult-to-do' pile. Some considerable time later, Sarah enquired about my progress with this project. Having described the above dilemma, Sarah asked if JCB Printers (who print this Magazine) could scan it.

To my surprise and delight, when I approached him, Jonathan accepted the challenge in spite of my threats of him having to answer to Sarah if any damage was sustained by the original tracing!

A few days later, I got a call from Jonathan. I was somewhat frightened of what he was going to say, but he gave me the good news that he had successfully scanned the document and had produced a copy on bright white paper! And I am relieved to confirm that Jonathan returned the undamaged original tracing to me.

After a bit of haggling, I persuaded Jonathan to agree to print further copies for anybody who wishes to own one for the sum of £5 each. And lamination is possible for a further sum (not negotiated). Finally, I was able to return the original undamaged tracing to Sarah.

Ian McIver

All Saints' Church Renhold Volunteers Required



Our new church floor has been completed and the church re-opened.

Can you spare 2 hours every 4/5 weeks to join our Cleaning Rota, help to clean the church and meet with others in the village.

You can clean by yourself, with a friend, or come as a family.

If interested, please contact

Keith: k.timms723@btinternet.com or Alan: abloomfield79896@aol.com

In the spotlight Teresa Trangmar

By Rod Jones

Today I'd like to introduce to you Teresa Trangmar who can be seen regularly in various functions around the village, but is essentially a very private lady. She is much involved with the magazine, the churchyard, and the Creative Club, but more about this later.

Teresa was born in Hampshire in 1957, and comes from a very academic family. Her family were teachers, and her sister Jo, who has a degree in Classics and PHD in classical poetry translation, has had several books published about this. (My own degree is also in Latin and Greek, but I am out of my league here!). Her family moved from Hampshire to Leicestershire and then settled in Crowborough, East Sussex where Teresa attended Tunbridge Wells Grammar school. She passed nine O -levels, including French, German and Latin, before graduating at UCL in London, with a BSC Honours in Physics and Astronomy. A very wide range of subjects! She didn't fancy teaching, so she then went to work for ICL in Stevenage & Letchworth receiving training in computer technology, programming and project management. (Even wider!).

Teresa got married in 1986 to Alan, but unfortunately things didn't work out, and the couple divorced but remain friends. Her maiden name was Balmer, but she has kept her married name Trangmar. This name appears in the Domesday Book, a real claim to fame.

She lived in Hitchin, Letchworth and Bedford, before settling in Cranborne Gardens in 2003. She worked as a computer project manager for several companies including Perkins Engines, E.ON, Johnson Matthey before retiring in 2019. She has travelled extensively, often alone, and we compared notes on several of the exciting places she visited, both abroad and in the UK.

Teresa is proving to be a huge asset to our community. She is a valued member of our magazine team, which is how I know her, and regularly helps us on Stapling Day. She also does a lot to support our church. She often helps at the Pop-up-cafe when needed, and for the last nine years has been involved in keeping the churchyard tidy. Starting as a volunteer in 2014, she is now co-ordinator of a team of about fifteen. She had been brought up to respect nature as a child, and was keen to put this to good use. The team meet once a month on a Saturday morning, and do the weeding, replanting, tidying up the older graves, clearing the leaves, strimming round the graves, and keeping the hedges tidy. The group enjoy a coffee break and biscuits together as well. New volunteers are always welcome. All Saints Church is an iconic landmark of Renhold, and we are grateful to all those who keep it looking so tidy.

Elsewhere in this issue, Teresa is featured as running a creative club, every third Monday of the month, at 7:30pm in The Chapter House. At the moment, there are about a dozen members in the club, but it hasn't been going long, and new members are always welcome. They have made cards, wrapping paper, gift-tags, - painted wooden blocks, experimented with paint and bubbles!

There is a great atmosphere, and the bottom line is-----It's great fun just to be creative and relaxed . Any money made is given to the church, so it's all in a good cause. She has attended a lot of craft fairs and courses to keep herself open to fresh ideas.

I have known Teresa for some time now, since she joined us in the magazine team, and we have been able to chat while assembling and stapling each issue.

As I wrote earlier, she really is a dark horse, and I had no idea about her background. My parents and my brother lived in Crowborough, at the same time as she did. My son has a computer business in Letchworth, where she moved to. And of course, we share a love of classics.

We spent almost two hours sharing memories of haunts that we had in common, and the time passed quickly. It was a pleasure to meet her.



Three Cheers.

The road is finally open through the village. Here are some before and after photos of the roadworks.



It was such bliss to drive back into the village last Saturday morning and see an empty road with no road closure signs, metal cages, holes in the road and diggers. I am sure that the school parents will be hugely relieved too that access is now back to normal.

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The disastrous fire that reduced Phoenix Upholstery and adjacent engineering business on Ravensden Road to a smouldering heap. Photos by K. Herkes and A. Grant.

Renhold VC Primary Andrea Ward

Our Pre-school children have had a wonderful first week back at school. Over the week they have enjoyed exploring pouring in the water tray, painting with water on the chalk board, riding the bikes and scooters, dancing, climbing and balancing. In the classroom the children have enjoyed exploring the dinosaurs in the small world area, playing in the role play area and being very helpful washing and drying up after snack!

At snack time they enjoyed preparing their



own snack by buttering toast. The children were very proud of themselves for being independent at snack time. To end their first week back at school, the children enjoyed cooling themselves down with a refreshing ice pop!

We welcome visits for prospective parents. Contact the school office to arrange a tour

of our wonderful setting: 01234 771724, email: office@renhold.beds.sch.uk

WILD ABOUT RENHOLD (see opposite)



The Renhold WI meeting to explore “Chocolate Delight”. See opposite.



WILD ABOUT RENHOLD by Tony Ploszajski

1. Hobby

Exciting news that a pair of Hobbies bred and fledged two young on the Howbury Hall estate this summer. Aidan Whitfield photographed this recently-fledged juvenile bird perched in an oak tree, awaiting a parental visitation with food. Hobbies are summer visitors to the UK, wintering in sub-Saharan Africa and have been increasingly scarce in recent times, with fewer than ten pairs now breeding in Bedfordshire. Smaller than a kestrel with long pointed wings, reminiscent of a giant swift, it has a dashing flight and will chase large insects and small birds like swallows and martins. Prey is often caught in its talons and transferred to its beak in flight. It can accelerate rapidly in flight and is capable of high-speed aerial manoeuvres.

2. Green Woodpecker

Green Woodpeckers are a much more familiar sight and sound around Renhold, frequently feeding on ants on grassy areas like horse paddocks and lawns. This bird spent about twenty minutes on our lawn and is identifiable as a female, with an all-black stripe below its beak (males have a red streak through the black). Its loud, yelping-like calls known as 'yaffling' are made throughout the year, not just to proclaim territories in the breeding season.

3. Sparrowhawk

Keith Herkes photographed this Sparrowhawk dining on one of the local Woodpigeons in his garden. The bird is a female, being up to 25% larger and having browner plumage tones than the smaller, more slate-grey male, one of the greatest size differences between the sexes in any bird species. Sparrowhawks can be quite secretive and are probably best seen when they are feeding on prey and not zooming around at high-speed trying to catch it!

4. Burnet Companion

This Burnet Companion moth appeared on our windowsill and despite its rather drab colour scheme was really rather striking when viewed close up. It is one of the few day-flying moths and gets its name from associating with another more colourful day-flying moth, the black and red Six-spot Burnet. It is relatively common in the southern half of Britain, becoming scarcer further north. Its serrated wing tips give the edges a tasselled effect.

Chocolate Delight at the WI. (see opposite)

Our speaker Carol Jones knows almost everything about chocolate, from how it is grown, the history of drinking chocolate, and hundreds of different things to make with chocolate. She showed us how to make lots of different shapes using moulds to make lollipops, shells and paw prints to decorate cakes and a chocolate house, to mention just a few! We saw pictures of some chocolate wedding cakes she had made which were amazing! While all this was going on Carol's assistant, also called Carol, was passing round different types of chocolate for us to try while maintaining some lively banter between the two of them. At the end of the talk, all the things Carol had made were put into bags and entered into the raffle. What a yummy way to end a very informative and entertaining evening!

Our next meeting, Thursday 5th October, is "How to Care for your Houseplants" by Susie Lickman. She is well known in WI circles for being an entertaining expert. Your houseplants will love you for coming! Susie will be bringing plants for sale. Renhold Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Guests welcome, £4.50. Jan Tozer

Borough Council September Update

Hello, summer recess has just ended at Borough Hall and meetings have now restarted after the holiday period.

• Health Update

I attended the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting last night, and wanted to let you know about the Autumn/Winter vaccination programme for both Influenza and Covid. Due to a very slight increase in cases and a new variant of Covid that is now present in the UK, the vaccination programme has been brought forward and started on 11th September with care homes receiving priority.

All eligible people will be invited to take up the offer of vaccination if the individual wishes to. Vaccination is available at a number of pharmacies throughout the Borough and individuals will be invited in priority order of risk. The advice is that the Flu and Covid vaccination is given at the same time.

More information can be found on the Bedford, Luton & Milton Keynes website.

<https://blmkhealthandcarepartnership.org/>

As Covid is circulating, the advice is to stay at home, don't go to work or school if you feel unwell with symptoms of Flu/Covid, including a high temperature, and stay at home until your temperature has returned to normal. There is no mandatory testing or isolation at present.

• Active Adults

On a lighter note, the Borough offer a range of sporting activities for adults. This enables you to increase your fitness and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Active Adults are eight-week sports courses aimed at over 35 year olds. It is ideal if you want to try a particular activity or have a go at something new. It is also for you if you tried a sport before and want to return to it in a relaxed, informal environment with other like-minded people.

All sessions are held at local venues situated within the Borough. The sessions are run for adults, by experienced and qualified coaches. All required equipment will be provided. Please see the link for more information and to sign up.

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-sport/sports-and-physical-activity/activities-adults>

• East-West Rail

MPs and councillors deliver East West Railway rejection to rail minister. Local Representatives including MPs, parliamentary candidates, district, borough and county councillors, parish councils and environmental and other campaign groups, have signed a declaration of opposition to the proposals for the East West Rail between Bedford and Cambridge. The final route together with some implications of its business case was announced by East West Rail Company in May this year.

The Declaration has been delivered in person to the Rail Minister, Huw Merriman. The Declaration and the list of signatories includes Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Candidates, the Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council, the Mayor of Bedford, County, District and Borough Councillors, Parishes and Parish Councillors, campaign groups and transport and environmental organisations. Hundreds of residents have also signed the declaration and the campaign groups are urging others to make their feelings known.

For further information please see <https://bfare.org.uk/>

I am very aware that not all of our residents are familiar with or have the necessary computer equipment to click on links for information. If anyone finds this difficult, please contact me and we can find a way to get this information to you in a form that is easily understood.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to get in touch with me. It is a pleasure to both meet and try to help you. Hopefully we do have a number of successful outcomes. My very best wishes,

Cllr. Nicola Gribble e mail Nicola.gribble@bedford.gov.uk tel. 07955530234

Cllr Nicola Gribble, Ward Councillor for Renhold and Ravensden

World Mental Health Day – Tuesday 10th October BRCC

Every year 10th October marks World Mental Health Day to raise awareness of mental health, drive positive change and encourage discussions about looking after our mental health. This year the theme is 'Mental Health is a universal human right'.

At Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity, we have a number of services that can help those feeling isolated and alone or struggling with their mental health. If you feel you need one-to-one support, our Social Prescribing service can help. Our team of Community Wellbeing Champions help people take control of their health and wellbeing and help people to connect with their local community, improve physical activity, and empower them to make decisions to support their health.

We have a range of Green Social Prescribing activities and courses available that are free to attend and help people to spend time in nature and look after their wellbeing.

Our Community Agents make home visits to older people living in towns and villages across Bedfordshire to help them with free support and assistance. Our Good Neighbour scheme supports groups to provide a 'safety net' for their local area, responding to requests from residents in need of a bit of extra help. We also provide wellbeing walks which are free and open to all.

Online resources

There are also many online resources available if you or someone you know needs support.

MIND

You can access lots of information on the MIND website, including tips for everyday living with mental health and for staying well at work.

Visit the MIND website (www.mind.org.uk) to find out more about looking after your mental health, the local support available and about World Mental Health Day.

Samaritans

If you feel like you need to talk to someone, you can contact the Samaritans.

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Mental Health Foundation

The Mental Health Foundation website has some tips on talking about your mental health, and talking to others about their mental health so you can have useful conversations and help each other. Visit www.mentalhealth.org.uk for more information.

Find out more about Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and the ways we can help people struggling with their mental health at www.bedsrcc.org.uk or call us on 01234 838771.

Renhold Parish Council September Update



COUNCIL VACANCY LATEST

Following the resignation of Guido Ligurio and subsequent displaying of the vacancy notice for the South West Parish Ward, there was no call for an election, which means the vacancy can be filled by co-option. The Parish Council are now able to fill all three current vacancies by co-option (voting on) new Councillors. It would be really great to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining or even finding out a little more about what is involved. Please do get in touch with the Clerk or any Parish Councillor to find out more We would like to hear from you and have you come and join us.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES – ADD TO YOUR DIARY

Meeting dates have now been set through to July 2024, with all to be held at the Village Hall on Wilden Road, with a 7pm start. They are:

19th October, 30th November, 17th January, 28th February, 9th April, 15th May, 18th June and 30th July. Please remember everyone is welcome to attend.

Borough Council Plan as regards the proposed business

Renhold Business Park

Councillor Gribble and the clerk attended this hearing. National Highways, who manage the national road network, (including the A421 by-pass, up to the M.1 junction 13), raised their concern about lack of funding and poor infrastructure in the local plan, with regard to the number of sites for housing and employment growth. Their representative stated clearly several times that the allotted schemes could not be delivered without funding, as the local plan includes a widening of the A421 by-pass to support this growth. *National Highways have stated there is currently none earmarked for this part of Bedford and no funding available from them for this work.* Central Beds Council also argued about the effect on all junctions along the by-pass from the Black Cat to Junction 13 of the M1. Councillor Gribble, along with the clerk, will soon be back with further arguments about the EMPS site allocation of development in open countryside, near to the A421 up-grade, where a lack of funding is clearly a big problem.

NEW VILLAGE BENCH INSTALLED

It has been great to see a new bench installed at the War Memorial in Top End



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE DEFIBRILLATORS ARE IN THE VILLAGE?

The Parish Council recently awarded a grant to the Polhill Arms to enable replacement batteries and pads to be purchased so the defibrillator could be back in service for the local community. There are now three publicly accessible defibrillator units in the village, located at:- Renhold Chapel, Woodfield Lane; - Renhold Village Hall, Wilden Road ; - Polhill Arms, Wilden Road

The Parish Council are exploring funding for the siting of further unit(s) off Norse Road in the parish. If you wish to see where the nearest unit is to you, there is a really handy website you can do this at: <https://www.defibfinder.uk>

HOW COULD RENHOLD VILLAGE IDENTITY BE IMPROVED...

PLEASE FEEDBACK YOUR IDEAS

The Parish Council would welcome your thoughts and suggestions on how Renhold community could be connected more. This could be through a feature for example such as a name plate which is used to welcome you to Renhold whether you are driving off Norse Road or from another part of Bedford into the village or, coming in from Wilden, Great Barford or Ravensden. It was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting that it would be good to have a visual impact of something that identifies the Renhold community. Please let us know your thoughts, whether this is a bad idea, a good idea, and any other comments you have, by either letting the Clerk, Lizzie, or one of the Parish Councillors know.



BUS SERVICE BACK IN GREEN END

Renhold Parish Council were working to try and get a service resumed in Green End whilst the Anglian Water road works and closure was in situ. Now the road is re-opened, the Parish Council did follow up with Grant Palmer to check on when the resumption of the bus service will commence. It is great to hear that Grant Palmer and Bedford Borough Council have promptly taken the necessary steps to reinstate the full bus service again with the buses now back through Green End.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL

Remember you can make contact with Lizzie, the Clerk, or any Councillor on any village matter. Please contact Lizzie, the Clerk, directly on 771702 or at lizzie_barnicoat@hotmail.com

What does Renhold Parish Council do?

The Parish Council (PC) is a statutory local authority. It is the closest form of government to residents. The PC is made up of up to nine Councillors elected by the residents of the parish, with elections held every four years. The councillors are all volunteers and residents of the parish. The PC also has one paid officer, the Parish Clerk.



The PC looks after the interests of the residents, typically by liaising with Bedford Borough Council; it looks after the assets of the parish, and it keeps in regular contact with the police. Much of the Parish Council activity involves no direct expense, such as investigating problems with roads or rights of way, or coordinating responses to planning applications. However, some activities do involve cost and these expenses are funded by your council tax contributions. The PC budget for 2023/24 totals £34,236 and covers the following responsibilities:

Statutory Obligations – as the title implies, this covers activities that the PC are required to do by law, such as employing a Clerk, maintaining a website, insurance cover and the annual audit.

General Maintenance – This includes safety related work such as keeping assets in good order, carrying out maintenance as needed, and grass cutting.

Grants/Donations – The PC set aside every year money for village organisations to apply for financial assistance if they wish for a particular item or activity.

Unexpected and Irregular Costs – the PC is required to maintain reserves within defined guidelines to provide for unforeseen expenses. These reserves have been used in the past to contribute towards items such as the Speed Cameras, highways safety items, and future churchyard provision.

The PC responsibilities are wide-ranging, providing support, guidance and essential services to residents, and aiming to ensure the smooth running and wellbeing of the village. If you have ideas on how these services can be improved, why not volunteer to become a councillor? We currently have three vacancies on the PC and would welcome new faces. If you would like to volunteer, or learn more about the role of a councillor please contact: parishclerk@renhold-pc.gov.uk

RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL 2023

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Parish Council Meeting dates & venues for 2023

Parish Council meetings now start at 7pm.

The next meeting will be Thurs.19th Oct. 7pm Renhold village Hall.

Parish Council

As always, if you wish to raise any ideas or make comments to the Parish Council, then please contact one of the Parish Councillors (see above or the new Parish Council website (renhold-pc.co.uk) for contact details) or contact Lizzie, Parish Clerk on 771702 or email lizzie_barnicoat@hotmail.com

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Contact; Margaret Sawyer 07780933729 Facebook; North Beds Ramblers

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/north-bedfordshire>

RENHOLD CHAPEL October 2023
Sunday Services

1st October	10.30am	Mr D McWilliams	Harvest Thanksgiving Service
8th October	10.30am	Mr P Bridle	
15th October	10.30am	Mr M Baker	
22nd October	10.30am	Mr R Smith	
29th October	10.30am	Mr S Elphick	

Chapel Notes

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND US IN 2023

I cannot pray 'our' if I am not in communion with fellow Christians.
I cannot pray 'Father' if I do not treat Him as such, on a daily basis.
I cannot pray "Who are in Heaven" if all my interests are on earthly things.

I cannot pray 'hallowed by thy name' if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy myself.

I cannot pray 'Thy Kingdom come' if I don't live as if I am within His kingdom now.

I cannot pray 'Thy Will be Done' if I am disobedient to His commands.

I cannot pray 'on earth as it is in Heaven' unless I am truly ready to give my life to God's service here and now.

I cannot pray 'give us this day our daily bread' if I am not also willing to work for it, and to share with my neighbour in need.

I cannot pray 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us' if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray 'lead us not into temptation' if I deliberately remain somewhere where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray 'Thine is the Kingdom' if I live as if the world is my kingdom.

I cannot pray 'Thine is the power and the glory' if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory.

I cannot pray 'forever and ever' if all my attention is on daily affairs.

I cannot pray 'Amen' unless I honestly say, Cost what it may, this is my prayer.



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